**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good **IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 32. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Improvement Rating

2001 Good Excellent

2002 2003 2004

## TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

**Schools With** Students Like Ours

	Our School			Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	57.6	63.9	66.3	57.8	62.1	62.3
Passed 2 subtests	31.5	16.5	17.9	21.0	19.1	19.2
Passed 1 subtest	7.6	15.5	11.6	12.8	12.0	11.5
Passed no subtests	3.3	4.1	4.2	8.3	6.7	7.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	10.0%	14.5%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	10.0%	15.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	42.5%	42.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUD	ENT GROUPS				
	Seniors				
	Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation		
Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate		
All students	96.4%	10.0%	N/A until 2003		
Students with disabilities other than speech	81.3%	N/A			
Students without disabilities	100.0%	10.0%			
Gender					
Male	96.9%	9.7%			
Female	96.1%	10.2%			
Ethnic Group					
African American	96.7%	0.0%			
Hispanic	N/A	N/A			
White	96.2%	17.4%			
Other	N/A	N/A			
Lunch Status					
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	3.2%			
Pay for lunch	94.8%	14.3%			

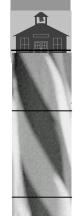
STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSE				
Mastering core competencies	61.5%			
Completers placed	100.0%			
Eligible students enrolled	31.7%			

## **SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

0.	ır School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL	ii Scilooi	Lastital	Like Ouis	3011001
Dollars spent per student	\$5,978	N/A	\$5,718	\$5,668
Prime instructional time	92.2%	Down from 94.4%	. ,	90.1%
Student-teacher ratio	32.5 to 1	N/A	24.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
	32.3 10 1	IN/A	24.3 (0 1	23.1 10 1
STUDENTS (n=742)	10.00/	A1/A	00.00/	40.00/
Advanced Placement/	13.0%	N/A	30.8%	40.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate Program				
Exam Success Ratio	00.00/	11. ( 00 00/	05.00/	05.00/
Attendance rate	98.2%	Up from 98.0%	95.0%	95.3%
Retention rate	9.8%	Down from 11.9%	6 10.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=42)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development</li> </ul>	5.0 Days	No change	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
days per teacher				
Attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 96.4%		95.7%
<ul> <li>Teachers with</li> </ul>	45.2%	Down from 53.3%	45.0%	49.4%
advanced degrees				
Continuing	85.7%	Up from 84.4%	82.4%	81.0%
contract teachers				
<ul> <li>Teachers with</li> </ul>	2.4%	Up from 2.2%	3.7%	3.0%
out-of-field permits				
<ul> <li>Teachers returning</li> </ul>	85.8%	Down from 88.2%	6 85.1%	85.2%
from the previous				
school year				
<ul> <li>Average teacher salary</li> </ul>	\$36,002	Down 0.9%	\$37,205	\$38,125

#### **SCHOOL FACTS**

Our S	School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
Dropout rate	5.2%	Up from 0.2%	3.6%	2.9%
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	52.6%	N/A	56.1%	56.4%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	4.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
<ul> <li>Percent of parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	50.9%	N/A	64.5%	60.1%
<ul> <li>Opportunities in the arts</li> </ul>	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	6.1%	Down from 6.9%	10.9%	10.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	26	N/A	33	29
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	14.0%	No change	5.1%	7.4%
With disabilities     other than speech	12.0%	Up from 10.0%	12.2%	10.7%
<ul> <li>Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations</li> </ul>	8.9%	N/A	7.7%	4.5%
<ul> <li>Enrollment in career and technology center courses</li> </ul>	235	N/A	426	350
Career students participating in work-based experiences	2.4%	N/A	28.7%	23.1%





# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

North Central High School (NCHS) is a rural school located in the northern area of Kershaw County and serves approximately 780 students in grades 7-12. NCHS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is committed to providing students with the academic preparation and extracurricular programs necessary for students to successfully perform in both post-secondary institutions and the workplace.

The commitment towards striving for excellence on the part of the students and faculty resulted in a number of honors and achievements this past year. The graduation rate is above 90%, and NCHS has maintained the highest graduation rate in Kershaw County for the past two years. Students at NCHS earned the distinction of having the best student attendance for a school over 500 students for the second year in a row in Kershaw County. NCHS has qualified for district incentive rewards for the past two years. The number of students on the A/B Honor Roll increased this year by 151 students from the previous year. A large number of NCHS students attend and complete technical programs at the district's career and technology center. PACT test scores for 2000 for 7th and 8th grades demonstrated improvement from the previous year in Language Arts and Mathematics. Mandatory summer school attendance for below basic students will continue next year. Exit Exam scores for 2000 indicated that 87% of tenth grade students passed Reading and Writing portions on their first attempt. This year 34 students qualified for Life Scholarships, and one student was named a Palmetto Fellows scholarship recipient. From 1997 to 2000, the average SAT scores improved 109 points. The boys' and girls' track teams were region champions, the marching band placed 10th in Class A competition, and the yearbook won both the Palmetto Award and All-State recognition.

A new middle school will be completed at the conclusion of the 2001-2002 school year and will result in NCHS serving only grades 9-12 in the fall of 2002. Goals for 2001-2002 for NCHS are to have Exit Exam scores, PACT scores, and SAT scores in the Top 10 in the state and to maintain a 90% graduation rate.

Agnes Slayman, Principal

#### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.5	71.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.6	85.1	,
Satisfied with home-school relations	73.3	82.6	

#### **DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS**

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

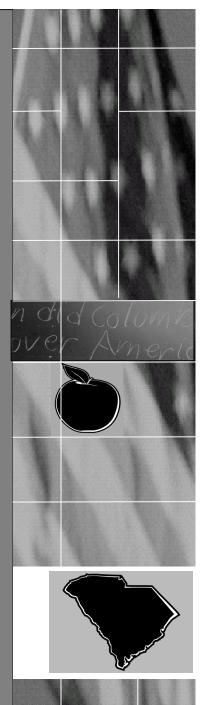
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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North Central High 3000 Lockhart Road Kershaw, SC 29067

Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 742 Students

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Dr. Ralph A. Cain 803-432-8416

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Charles B. Baxley 803-438-4200

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade: Excellent

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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